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SUMMARY: ZIONIST CAMPAIGN OF INTIMIDATION (OR "TERROR")
AGAINST WHITE HOUSE DOMINATES TODAY'S PRESS AND REFLECTS
INCREASED GOE APPREHENSION ABOUT END RESULT. HOPE IS
THAT CONFRONTATION WILL LEAD TO "AMERICAN FORMULA" FOR
SETTLEMENT. SADAT'S REPLY TO BEGIN LETTER WILL
REPORTEDLY BE GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR TODAY. END SUMMARY.
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1. CAIRO PRESS MARCH 11 HIGHLIGHTS ZIONIST PRESSURES ON
WHITE HOUSE. ALL DAILIES HEADLINE SAME THEME: AHAM:
"JEWISH PRESSURE GROUPS LAUNCH CAMPAIGN OF BLACKMAIL";
AKBAR EL YOM: "WHITE HOUSE REJECTS JEWISH INTIMIDATION".
SECOND LEAD STORY IS ALLEGED BRZEZINSKI STATEMENT ACCUSING
AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERSHIP OF INTIMIDATION AND ALLEGATIONS

OF ANTI-SEMITISM AGAINST THOSE WHO DIFFER WITH THEM.

2. CITING WASHINGTON SOURCES, ARTICLES CLAIM ZIONIST GROUPS UNDER LEADERSHIP RABBI SCHINDLER WAGING INTIMIDATION CAMPAIGN AIMED AT CARTER AND BRZEZINSKI ON EVE BEGIN'S ARRIVAL. PRESSURE TOOK FORM WHEN 21 OF 37 MEMBERS OF HOUSE IRC SENT LETTER TO CARTER URGING WITHDRAWAL OF DECISION TO SELL AIRCRAFT TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA.

3. AMERICAN PLAN. AMERICAN SOURCES ALSO CITED FOR SPECULATION THAT REAL CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CARTER AND ZIONIST LOBBY OVER ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE ON SETTLEMENTS AND INTERPRETATION OF 242 COULD TAKE PLACE DURING COMING TWO MONTHS IF WASHINGTON TALKS FAIL TO LEAD TO AGREEMENT ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THIS COULD, SOURCES SAY, FORCE CARTER TO ANNOUNCE AN "AMERICAN FORMULA" FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

4. SADAT REPLY TO BEGIN. ALL PAPERS REPORT SADAT'S RESPONSE TO BEGIN'S LETTER CONVEYED BY ATHERTON WILL BE DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR EILTS BY FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL TODAY FOR FORWARDING.

5. EDITORIALS. AHRAH SAYS "IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT THAT AMERICAN PRESIDENT CONDEMNS ISRAEL AND THEN SUPPLIES HER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH WEAPONS OF AGGRESSION AND WASHINGTON REMAINS EXERCISING ITS ROLE OF MEDIATOR. WHOLE AFFAIR REQUIRES A NEW AMERICAN LOOK AND A NEW AMERICAN VISION TOWARD THE CONFLICT WHICH IS ABOUT TO REACH EDGE OF THE PRECIPICE."

6. COMMENT: OPERATING WORD IN ALL PAPERS IS "IRHAB", WHICH CAN MEAN INTIMIDATION, BUT IS MORE COMMONLY TRANSLATED AS "TERROR" OR "TERRORISM". TODAY'S GUIDED PRESS TREATMENT, THEREFORE, REPRESENTS ESCALATION IN BOTH LANGUAGE AND APPREHENSION ABOUT HOW CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL DEAL WITH "MASSIVE ZIONIST TERRORISM." EILTS

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